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The Honorable Vernon Williams

Re: <u>STB Docket No. AB-872X, Great Northwest Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption -- In Clearwater County, ID</u>

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is in response to the request dated August 2, 2004, by Clearwater County Commissioners ("Clearwater County"), for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"), under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), for the 27.5-mile rail line Great Northwest Railroad, Inc. ("GNR") seeks to abandonment in this proceeding.

GNR hereby notifies the Board that GNR is willing to negotiate for trail use with Clearwater County.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Karl Morell

cc: Clearwater County